

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

April 20, 2005

CENAO-TS-G 05-V0690

FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality have received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below:

APPLICANT

Brookfield Woodstream LLC Attn: Mr. Richard J. Dengler 8500 Executive Park Drive, Suite 300 Fairfax, Virginia 22031

<u>WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK:</u> The project site is located north of Garrisonville Road (Route 601) and west of Interstate 95, in Stafford County, Virginia. The project encompasses unnamed tributaries flowing into Aquia Creek, which is part of the Potomac River Basin (HUC 02070011).

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to impact 0.07 acre of forested wetlands, and 0.95 acre (6,610 linear feet) of stream channel for the general purpose of constructing a residential community consisting of 540 units of townhouses and single-family style duplexes; and for the specific purpose of constructing access roads, buildings, parking, utility lines, and storm water ponds. To mitigate for the proposed stream impacts, the applicant proposes to incorporate Low Impact Development technologies to control storm water on the site, preserve a remaining 4,420 lf of stream channel, restore 445 lf of stream channel, and relocate and stabilize another 475 lf of stream channel on-site. In addition, the applicant proposes 780 lf of stream restoration in an off-site location on Austin Run. To mitigate for the proposed 0.07 acre of forested wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to purchase a total of 0.14 wetland mitigation credits from the Foggy Bottom Mitigation Bank, located in Prince William County, Virginia.

In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated. Project drawings are attached.

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

<u>FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION:</u> The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection

and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material" will also be applied (Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act).

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Engineer will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) no known properties eligible for inclusion or included in the National Register of Historic Places are in or near the permit area, or would likely be affected by the proposal. Additional information might change any of these findings. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: elirons@deq.virginia.gov.

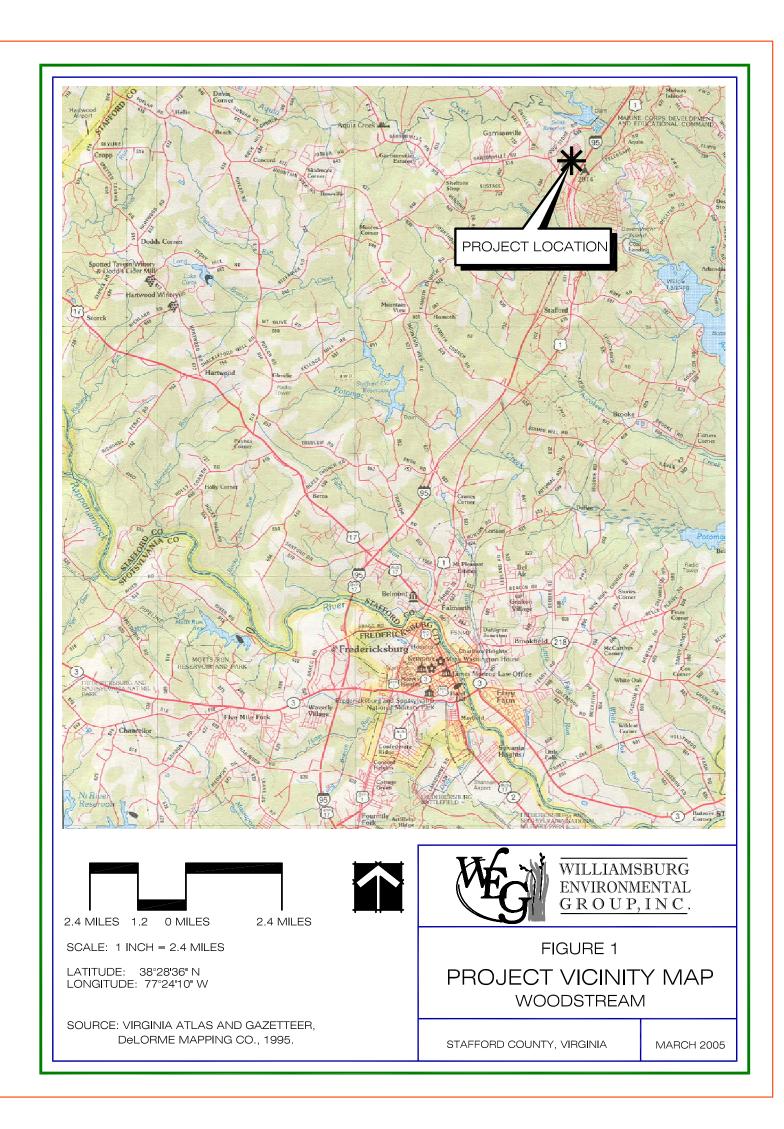
<u>COMMENT PERIOD</u>: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-TS-G), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on May 16, 2005.

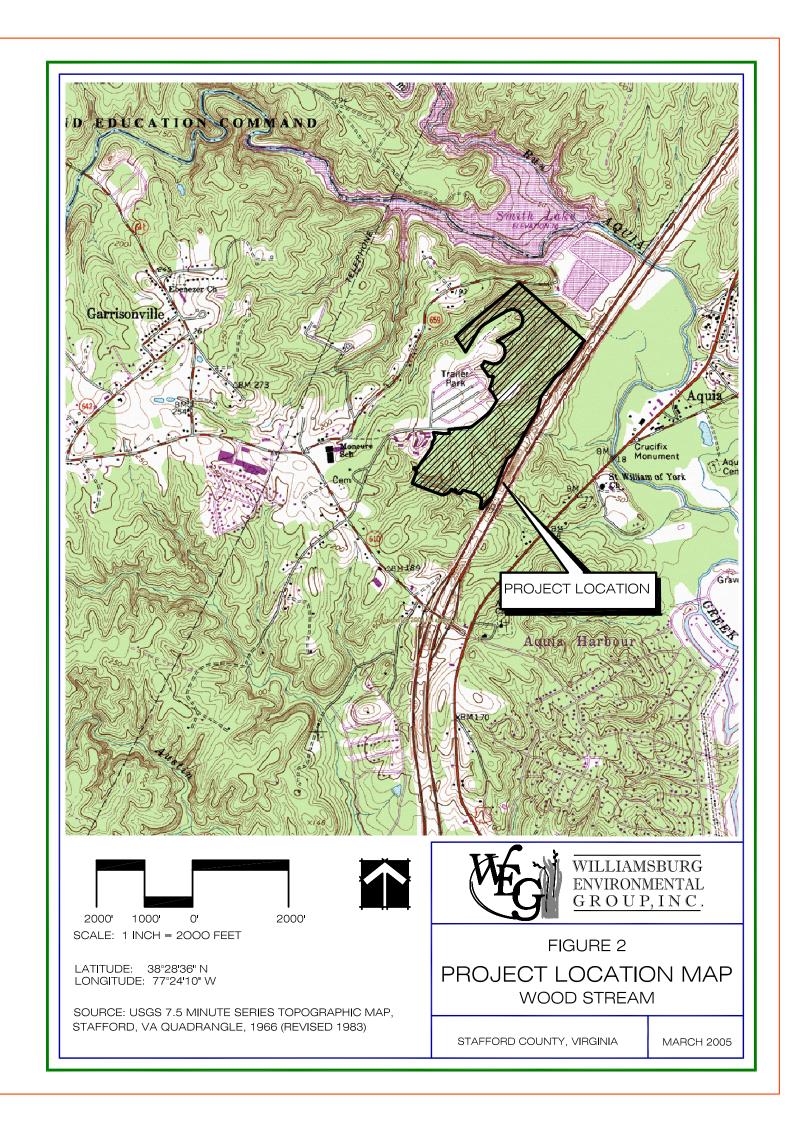
If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call: Regena Bronson 301.475.2720 regena.d.Bronson@nao02.usace.army.mil

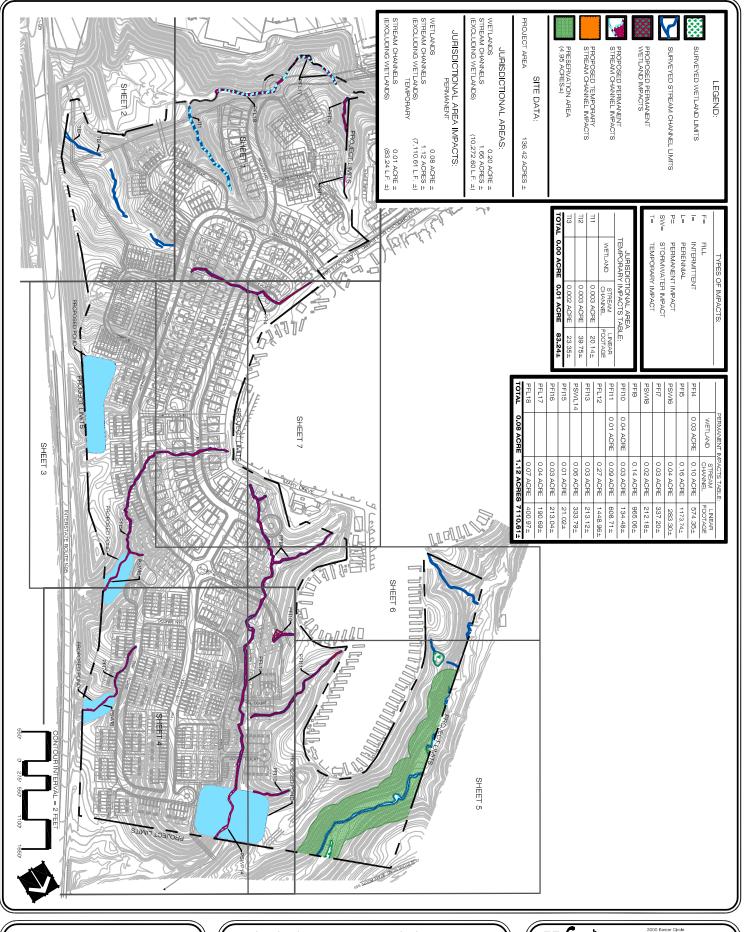
FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Bruce F. Williams Chief, Northern Virginia Regulatory Section

Attachment: Drawings







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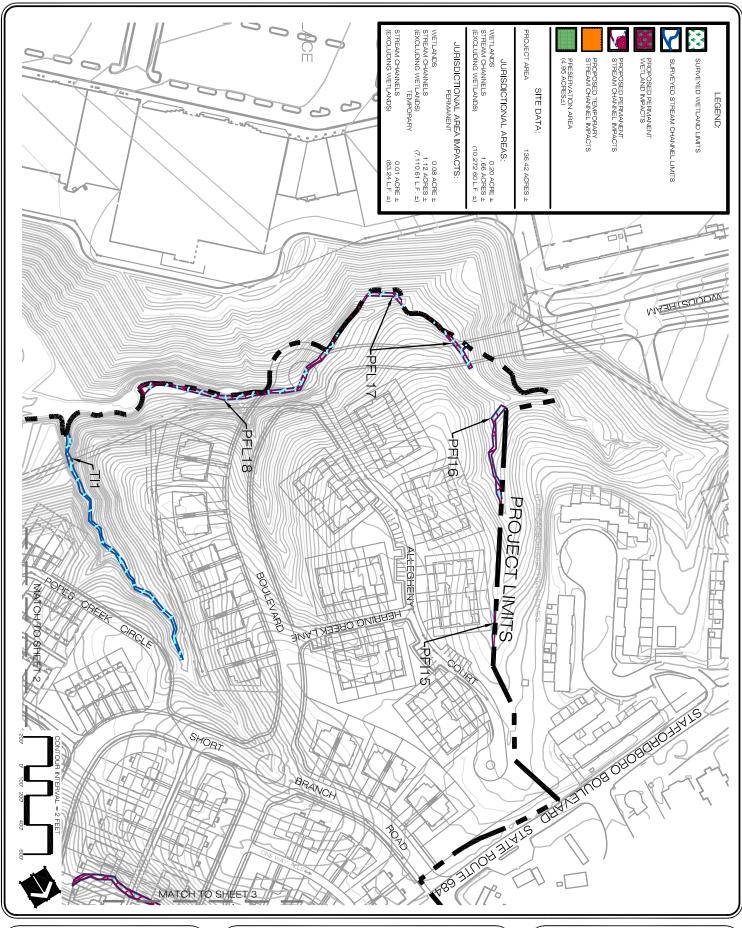
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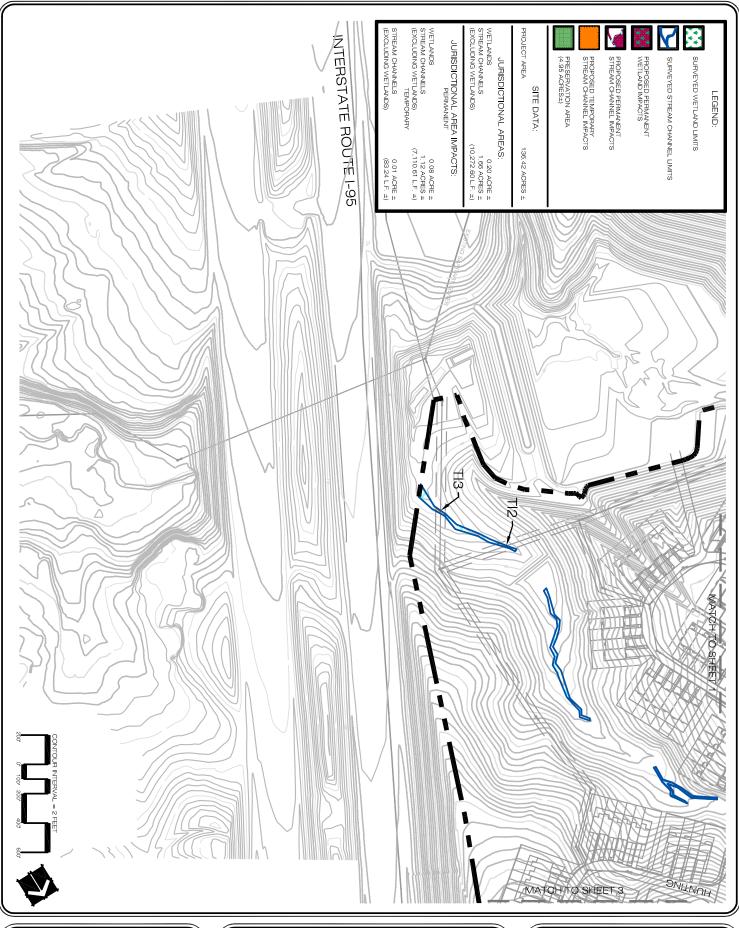
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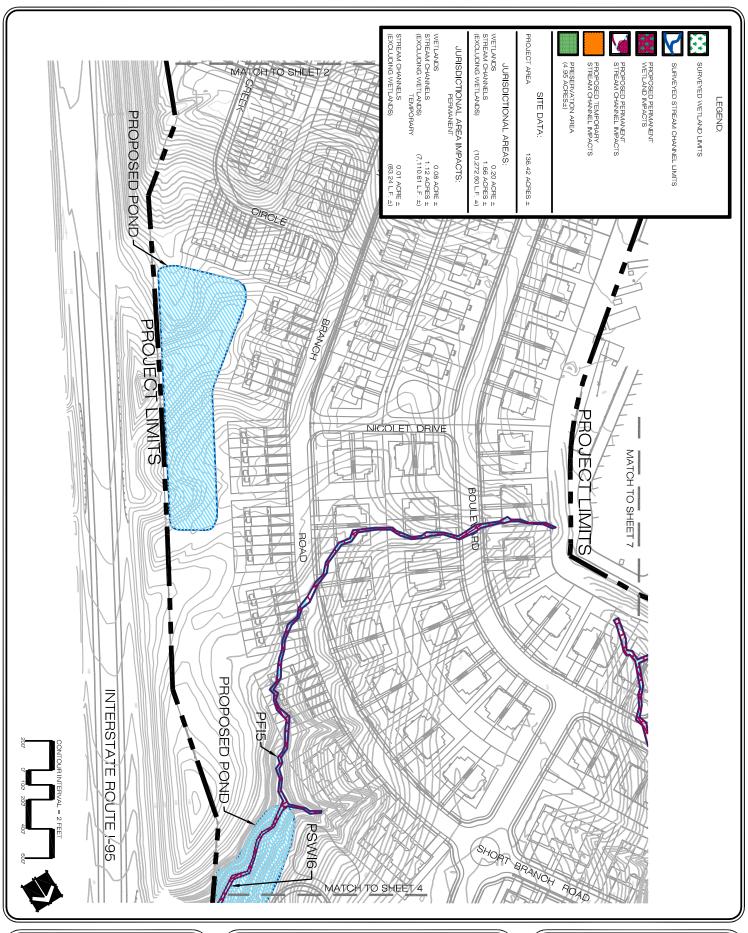
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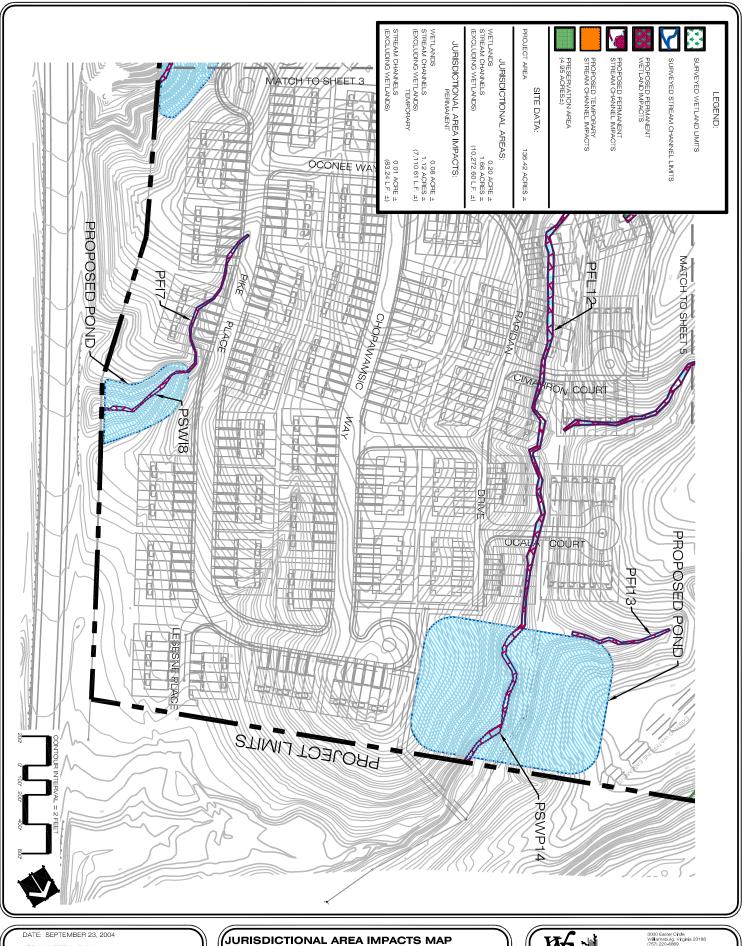


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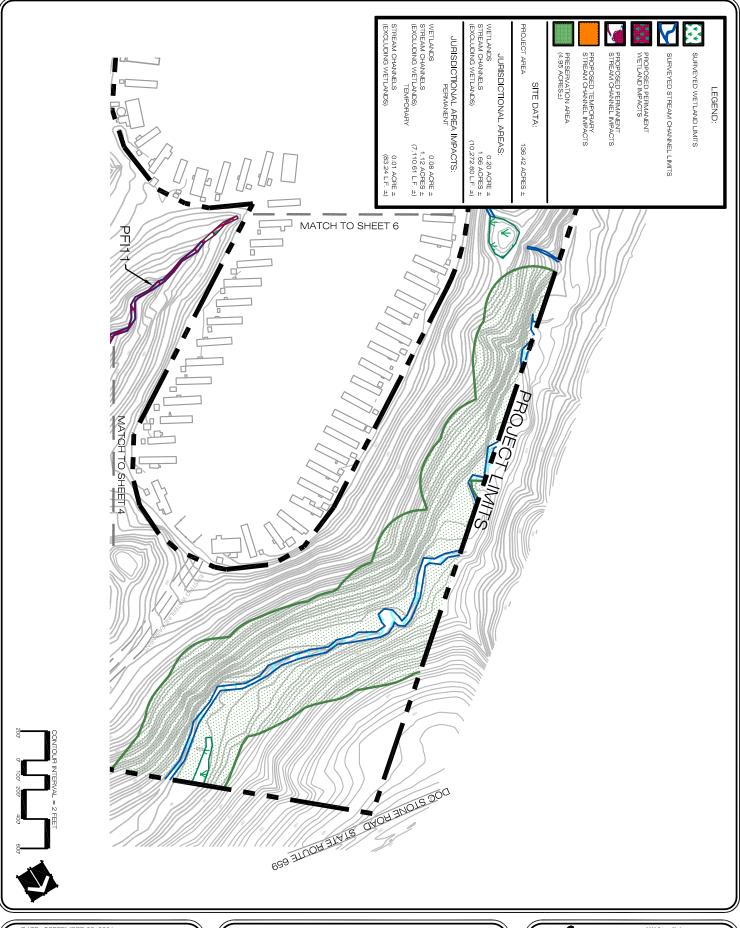
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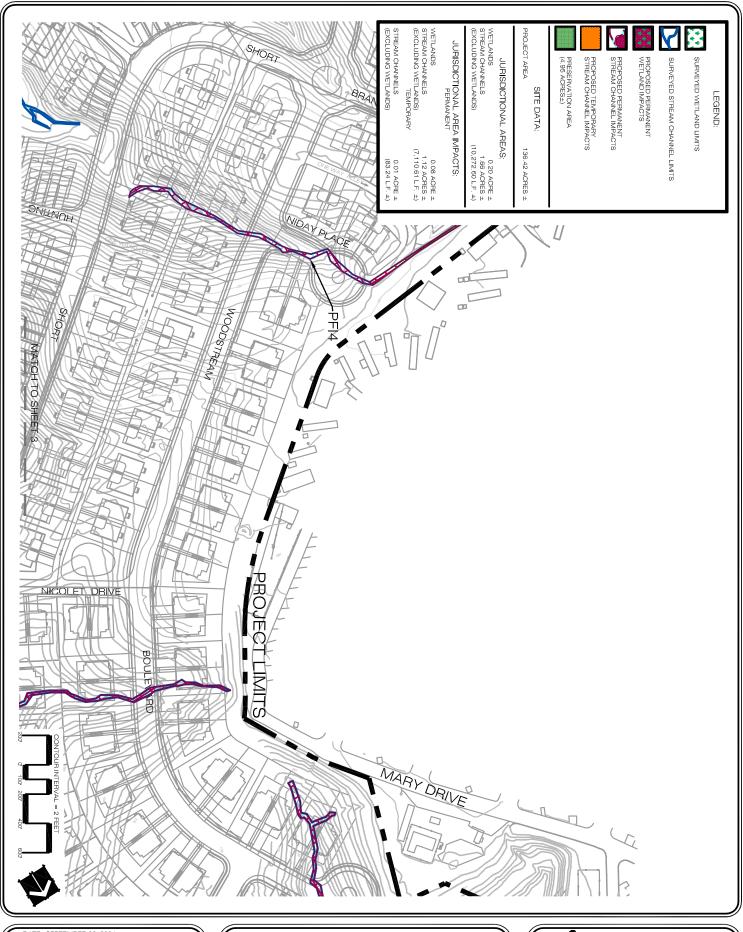
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